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CHRIST'S COMING WORLD'S END 1914

Not Pastor Russell's View at All—He Explains His View.

Canadian Minister Quoted-"The Earth Abideth Forever"-Christ Will Not Come Again as a Man, According to the Bible-Pastor Russell Believes That 1914 Marks a Great Change of Dispensation-Christ's Parousia Precedes His Epiphania.



March 22.-Pastor Russell, whose FREE Photo Drama of Creation is being put before the people in many large cities, everywhere arousing enthusiasm for God. rellgion and the Bible, preached today from the text "Thus shall also

the coming [Parousia-presencel of the Son of Man be; they shall be eating, drinking, planting and marrying, and know not." -Matthew 24:37, 38

The Pastor was prompted to select his text by reading an extract from a recent sermon of a Canadian minister. who declared that 1914 would witness the Second Coming of Christ. The statement permitted the inference that the minister holds the view common to nearly all creeds-that the earth is to be burned up and the buman race blotted out; and that Christ will come, to see that none of the Church are destroyed. All such expectations, the Pastor claimed, are wholly unscriptural, untrue and misleading.

Then the Pastor explained in full the various Scriptures commonly supposed to support such views. The wrong interpretations so prevalent, he claimed. belong to the Dark Ages, when public teachers seemed to lose all appreciation of figurative language; and when Christ's references to Gehenna Fire. which burned outside the wall of Jerusalem, were understood to refer to an eternity of torture for all except the saintly few. He showed that St. Peter's words, "the beavens shall be on fire," and "the earth and the things therein shall be burned up," refer to the very period which St. Peter elsewhere calls "Times of Restitution" and blessing (not world-burning) to follow Jesus' Second Coming.

Both the Master and His Apostles, the Pastor asserted, frequently used the word fire as symbolical of tribulation. Among the many Scriptures quoted to substantiate his assertion was St. Peter's exhortation. "Think it not strange concerning the flery trial which shall try you."

The Pastor quoted many Scriptures to prove that the earth is not to be destroyed, that "the earth abideth forever"; that God "created it not in vain. but formed it to be inhabited." This last prophecy, he claimed, has not yet been fulfilled; for immense tracts of land are still unoccupied.

The speaker then discussed popular the world and showed that these are based man a misunderstanding, due to the fact that our Common Version Bible uses the word world where the word age, epoch, order of things, would better express the thought of the original. According to Scripture, the present order, of which Satan is ruler, is to give place to a new order of things. under control of the Prince of Light.

Christ's Second Coming. Next the l'astor demonstrated conclusively from Scripture that our Lord is no longer a human being. Nearly nineteen centuries ago, the Logos left Heavenly glory and was made flesh. God'had pronounced a death sentence upon man, from which the race could not be released unless some one would become their redeemer and meet the penalty for them. This penalty was death, not eternal torment, of which the Scalptures know nothing. Our Lord carried out the Divine Program. and as a reward has been highly exalted-"far above angels."

The speaker then showed that the word coming is used to translate several very different Greek words. One of these is Parousia, meaning presence, and used in reference to the first stage of our Lord's Second Advent. He will be invisibly present. For a while none will realize His Parousia. except the Church. All earthly things will continue as they have buying, selling, marrying, etc.—for a while, Lafer on will come the Epiphania—

the revelation, or manifestation-not in the flesh, but in a great Time of Tronble, symbolically represented as fire. We read, "He shall be revealed in flaming fire, taking vengeance."

The Paster understands the Rible to teach that Jesus has thus been prosent since 1874 The Second Advent began then. The wonderful progress in the world since then Bible students thus explain. They understand the Bible to teach that this Parousia will continue for a thousand years; but that the Epiphania will be due forty years after the Presence began. For this reason they are tooking very in-

bently to see what the year may bring. Everywhere we see signs of unrest, a time of trouble brewing. It looks as though this year would mark the beginning of the flaming fire of judgments which will characterize the inauguration of Messiah's glorious Reign of righteousness and life eternal.

WHEN CARUSO SINGS.

The Scene In His Dressing Room Before the Opera Begins.

The opera was "Aida." Caruso was to sing Rhadames, and he was in the dressing room. In his train came his two valets. Wonderful indeed were they. Celerity and deftness raised to the nth power, with sliencers on their feet, they passed and repassed each other in inconceivably small spaces without once touching each other or bumping into their lord and master.

Caruso sits before a stationary washstand, and one of the valets hands him a toothbrush and powder. Then for three solid minutes by his Swiss movement watch does Caruso cleanse and scrub and polish. The ever alert dressers stand behind him, watchful for a shrug of his shoulders, which they immediately interpret into a command.

Caruso takes a long breath, and he needs it. It must be a signal, for one of the valets has a glass of warm water in one hand and in the other a big. round pasteboard box full of little brownish crystals. Caruso takes a handful of the crystals and drops them into the warm water, where they dissolve immediately.

"That's gargling salt." he says. use it for my first gargle."

The gargle takes four minutes, and then comes the vaporizer. A glass of water containing bicarbonate of soda and glycerin is placed on a little stand. A rubber hose connected with the vaporizer is put into the glass, and a thin, forceful sputtering spray shoots out a full foot. Into this tiny Gatling gun spray Caruso plunges, mouth open.

Then the heavy artillery answers the little Gatling gun, for Caruso coughs back at the spray, chokes, bellows and sputters. Into each nostril, then deep down into the throat, go the bicarbonate of soda and glycerin over and over and over again until Caruso coughs no more.

The vaporizer bath bas taken eight minutes by Caruso's infallible watch, but the end is not yet. There is a cold water gargle-sterilized water, please -minus the salt, to follow and that in turn by a spray for the nose only. Only about six suiffs apiece for each nostril and the spray is put away.

Then menthol and vaseline on absorbent cotton attached to long sticks and Caruso swabs out his throat with these as a gunner would a cannon.

"Dilates the throat." he says between gasps. One more gargle of cold water and the homage to the throat is finished. It has taken twenty-two min-

On goes his bathrobe, and he is in the corridor-smoking a cigarette! Twenty-two minutes of hard work he has given to that throat, and now be is calmly smoking a cigarette and inhaling every blessed puff of it. Shades of bicarbonate of soda, of gargling salt, of glycerin and of menthol, of what avail are you when a nervous man wants a cigarette and wants it now?-Charles Bloomingdale, Jr., in Saturday Evening Post.

Shortest Charge to Jury.

If brevity is the soul of wit, Judge Taylor, K. C., has not many rivals among his judicial brethren. Summing up a case which lasted several hours, says the Liverpool Post, he said no more than this: "Gentlemen, you have heard both sides. It is for you to say which you believe." Even this does not represent Judge Taylor's best effort in the way of saving his breath. A misconceptions respecting the end of the world and showed that there are based mon a misunderstanding, due

ingly, and remarked: "Well, gentle men?" The art of brevity could no

Noises and Cancer.

Muffle all unnecessary noise, brilliant lighting, disagreeable odors and touch not. Last and most important, eat and drink no poison, even though it should savor of the nectar and ambrosia of Olympus. With the revivifying of the censory nerves all the rest will sail in and become strong again. And then we may expect to find eyeglasses, ear trumpets and all such aids cast upon the trash heap. There will be nothing to cause irritation, and so we shall have no cancer.-Dr. J. A. Guthrie in Medical Journal.

Food Habits. "Food habits have queer boundaries." commented ex-Assemblyman Charles Sutherland at luncheon. "In Massa-chusetts peaple eat baked beans Saturday night, but not west of Worcester. Along the Connecticut shore an oyster stew is the regular Sunday morning breakfast dish. In Vermont they cat pie for breakfast-always apple pie. The scrapple habit is found only within fifty miles of Philadelphia.-New York World.

Neck Shaving an Old Custom.

A study of the many necks to be seen on the walls of the National Portrait gallery enables one to state that the custom of neck shaving although said to have been imported from Amertea, was undoubtedly known and most likely popular in the days of Agincourt. The portrait of Henry V. shows quite Hearly that his neck was shaved, and. if the king did it. It must have been fashionable.-Loudon Cor. New York

An Absorbing Case. "Old Soak says he never drank until after he was operated on for appendi-

citis." "His most be one of those peculiar eases where the doctors sewed up a sponge in the interior of their patient." -Houston Post.

He is bost served who has no need to put the hands of others at the ends of his arms. --Rousseau

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

cent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C .- "I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

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